



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Thomas R. Berger, *et al.*

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For: FOOD WASTE REDUCTION MECHANISM FOR  
DISPOSER

§ Group Art Unit: 3725

§ Examiner: Jason Y. PAHNG

§ Att'y Docket: 021902-139US  
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ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
DATED NOVEMBER 28, 2005

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response expiring December 28, 2005, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. In a separate petition for extension of time, Applicant has requested and paid the \$120.00 large entity fee for securing a one-month extension of time for response making this response due January 28, 2006. However, since January 28, 2006 occurs on a Saturday, this response is due January 30, 2006 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.7.

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.